

GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF VETERINARY MEDICINE
October 4, 2006 Board Meeting

A meeting of the Georgia State Board of Veterinary Medicine was held on Wednesday, October 4, 2006, at the Professional Licensing Boards, in Macon Georgia.

The following Board members were present:

Needham Bateman, DVM, President
Jim Brett, DVM
Hugh Hill, DVM
Charles Lance

Others Present:

Anita O. Martin, Executive Director
Susan Hewett, Board Secretary
Amelia Baker, Assistant District Attorney/Board Attorney
Lynn Reece, GVTAA
Melanie Parham, GVTAA
Scott Piper, GVMA

President Bateman established that a quorum was present, and the Public Hearing that was scheduled to begin at 9:30 a.m. was **called to order** at 9:32 a.m.

Board Rule 700-14: No verbal comments were received. Written comments were received from Curtis Crawford, DVM. The Board requested that a response be sent to Dr. Crawford about dispensing of medications by veterinary technicians.

Board Rule 700-15: No verbal comments were received. Written comments were received from Curtis Crawford, DVM.

The Public Hearing was **adjourned** at 9:44 a.m. and the meeting that was scheduled to begin at 9:35 a.m. was **called to order** at 9:44 a.m.

Board Rule 700-14: Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to **adopt** the rule.

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SCOPE OF PRACTICE FOR VETERINARY TECHNICIANS

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700-14-.01 Immediate Supervision.

- (1) Immediate Supervision means that the duly licensed veterinarian is in audible and in visual range of the animal patient and the person treating the animal.**
- (2) A veterinary technician working under the direction, supervision and control of a duly licensed veterinarian may provide the following animal patient care under immediate supervision:**
 - (a) Surgical assistance.**

700-14-.02 Direct Supervision.

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(1) Direct supervision means that the duly licensed veterinarian is on the premises and is quickly and easily available and that the animal patient has been examined by a licensed veterinarian at such time as acceptable veterinary medical practice requires, consistent with the particular delegated animal health care task.

(2) A veterinary technician working under the direction, supervision and control of a duly licensed veterinarian may provide the following animal patient care under direct supervision:

(a) Euthanasia;

(b) Administration of blood or blood components to animal patients;

(c) Application of splints and slings;

(d) Dental procedures including, but not limited to the removal of calculus, soft deposits, plaque and stains; the smoothing, filing, and polishing of teeth; or the floatation or dressing of equine teeth;

(e) Non-emergency intubations;

(f) Induce anesthesia;

(g) Maintenance of anesthesia;

(h) Assisting any duly licensed veterinarian in the measuring of quantities of medication, but excluding the dispensing, compounding, or mixing of drugs;

(i) Dental extraction not requiring sectioning of the tooth or the resectioning of bone;

(j) Perform central venous; and

(k) Perform arterial catheterization/arterial collection.

700-14-.03 Indirect Supervision.

(1) Indirect supervision means the duly licensed veterinarian is not on the premises but has given either written or oral instructions for the treatment of the animal patient and the animal has been examined by a licensed veterinarian at such times as acceptable veterinary medical practice requires, consistent with the particular delegated health care task.

(2) A veterinary technician working under the direction, supervision and control of a duly licensed veterinarian may provide the following animal patient care under indirect supervision:

(a) Administration and application of treatments, drugs, medications and immunological agents by oral, parenteral and injectable routes, excluding rabies vaccine for animals required to receive a rabies vaccine by Georgia law;

(b) Initiation of parenteral fluid administration;

(c) Intravenous catheterizations;

(d) Radiography including settings, positioning, processing, and safety procedures;

(e) Collection of blood for diagnostic purposes; collection of urine by expression, cystocentesis, or catheterization; collection and preparation of tissue, cellular, or microbiological samples by skin scrapings, impressions, or other non-surgical methods for diagnostic purposes;

(f) Routine laboratory test procedures;

(g) Supervision of the handling of biohazardous waste materials; and

(h) Blood or blood component collection and preparation for transfusion.

(3) A veterinary technician working under the direction, supervision and control of a duly licensed veterinarian may provide the following emergency animal patient care under indirect supervision:

(a) Application of tourniquets and/or pressure bandages to control hemorrhage;

(b) Resuscitative procedures;

(c) Application of temporary splints or bandages to prevent further injury to bones or soft tissues;

(d) Application of appropriate wound dressings and external supportive treatment in severe wound and burn cases; and

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- (e) External supportive treatment in heat prostration cases.
- (4) Grooming procedures and non-invasive skin (topical) treatment; and
- (5) Handling of biohazardous waste materials.

700-14-.04 Restrictions.

- (1) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to permit a veterinary technician to do the following:
 - (a) Make any diagnosis or prognosis;
 - (b) Prescribe any treatments, drugs, medications, or appliances;
 - (c) Perform surgery; or
 - (d) Administer a rabies vaccine to any official vaccinate.

O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-3, 43-50-21, and 43-50-54.

Board Rule 700-15: Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to **adopt** the rule.

Chapter 700-15

SUPERVISION RESPONSIBILITIES OF VETERINARY ASSISTANTS.

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700-15-.01 Immediate Supervision.

(1) Immediate Supervision means that the duly licensed veterinarian is in audible and visual range of the animal patient and the person treating the animal.

(a) A duly licensed veterinarian is responsible to assure that the following tasks being performed by Veterinary Assistants is under immediate supervision:

- 1. Surgical assistance;
- 2. Maintenance of anesthesia; and
- 3. Application of splints and slings.

700-15-.02 Direct Supervision.

(1) Direct supervision means that the duly licensed veterinarian is on the premises and is quickly and easily available and that the animal patient has been examined by a duly licensed veterinarian at such time as acceptable veterinary medical practice requires, consistent with the particular delegated animal health care task.

(a) A licensed veterinarian is responsible to assure that the following tasks being performed by Veterinary Assistants is under direct supervision:

- 1. Intravenous catheterizations,
- 2. Collection of blood for diagnostic purposes; collection of feces: collection of urine by expression; collection and preparation of tissue, cellular, or microbiological samples by skin scrapings, impressions, or other non-surgical methods except when in conflict with government regulations;
- 3. Dental procedures including, but not limited to the removal of calculus, soft deposits, plaque and stains; the smoothing, filing, and polishing of teeth; or the floatation or dressing of equine teeth;
- 4. Routine laboratory test procedures;

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- 5. Radiology assistance; and**
- 6. Assisting any duly licensed veterinarian in the measuring of quantities of medication, but excluding the dispensing, compounding, or mixing of drugs;**

700-15-.03 Indirect Supervision.

(1) Indirect supervision means the duly licensed veterinarian is not on the premises but has given either written or oral instructions for the treatment of the animal patient and the animal has been examined by a duly licensed veterinarian at such times as acceptable veterinary medical practice requires, consistent with the particular delegated health care task.

(a) A duly licensed veterinarian is responsible to assure that the following tasks being performed by Veterinary Assistants is under indirect supervision:

- 1. Administration and application of treatments, drugs, medications and immunological agents by oral, parenteral and injectable routes (subcutaneous, intramuscular, and patent intravenous catheter), excluding rabies vaccine for animals required to receive a rabies vaccine by Georgia law;**
- 2. Grooming procedures and non-invasive skin (topical) treatment;**
- 3. Handling of biohazardous waste materials.**

(2) Under conditions of an emergency, Veterinary Assistants may render the following life-saving aid and treatment after identifying himself/herself as Veterinary Assistants:

- (a) Application of tourniquets and/or pressure bandages to control hemorrhage;**
- (b) Administration of parenteral fluids shall only be performed after direct communication with a duly licensed veterinarian, and such veterinarian is either present or enroute to the location of the distressed animal;**
- (c) Resuscitative procedures;**
- (d) Application of temporary splints or bandages to prevent further injury to bones or soft tissues; and**
- (e) Application of appropriate wound dressings and external supportive treatment in severe wound and burn cases;**
- (f) External supportive treatment in heat prostration cases**

700-15-.04 Restrictions.

(1) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to permit Veterinary Assistants to do the following:

- (a) Make any diagnosis or prognosis;**
- (b) Prescribe any treatments, drugs, medications, or appliances;**
- (c) Perform surgery.**
- (d) Administer a rabies vaccine to an official vaccinate.**
- (e) Identify himself/herself as a Veterinarian Technician.**

O.C.G.A. §§ 43-1-25, 43-50-3, 43-50-21, and 43-50-62.

The Board voted that the formulation and adoption of these rules does not impose excessive regulatory cost on any licensee and any cost to comply with the proposed rules cannot be reduced by a less expensive alternative that fully accomplishes the objectives of the applicable laws as provided by the Attorney General's office.

The board also voted that it is not legal or feasible to meet the objectives of the applicable laws to adopt or implement differing actions for businesses as listed in O.C.G.A. §50-13-4(3)(A)(B)(C)(D). The formulation and adoption of these rules will impact every licensee in the same manner and each licensee is independently licensed, owned and operated in the field of Veterinary Medicine.

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The **Investigative Interview** that was scheduled for 11:00 a.m. with L.M.B., DVM was **rescheduled** for December 6, 2006.

Minutes from the August 23, 2006 meeting: Dr. Hill made a motion, Dr. Brett seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the minutes.

Minutes from the July 6, 2006 conference call meeting: Dr. Hill made a motion, Dr. Brett seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the minutes.

Ratify list of newly issued licenses: Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to **ratify** the following list of newly issued licenses.

License Number	Name	License Type
VETF000501	Poggiagliolmi, Sabrina	Veterinary Faculty
VETT000761	Baxter, Kathleen Ann	Veterinary Technician
VETT000762	Bazemore, Susan Sibley-Hall	Veterinary Technician
VETT000763	Blain, Dawn	Veterinary Technician
VETT000764	Bonenberger, Denise Michelle	Veterinary Technician
VETT000765	Colo'n, Christina Love	Veterinary Technician
VETT000766	Cruse, Jenni Danetta	Veterinary Technician
VETT000767	Davis, Jourdan Lynn	Veterinary Technician
VETT000768	Foltz, Kelly M.	Veterinary Technician
VETT000769	Frazier, Laura K.	Veterinary Technician
VETT000770	Hayes, Cynthia A	Veterinary Technician
VETT000771	Henke, Marianna Elizabeth	Veterinary Technician
VETT000772	Kaczmarek, Jennifer L.	Veterinary Technician
VETT000773	LaLiberty, Rachael Ann	Veterinary Technician
VETT000774	Murray, Lisa Ann	Veterinary Technician
VETT000775	Nied, Lisa S.	Veterinary Technician
VETT000776	Noggle, Ashley Claire	Veterinary Technician
VETT000777	Quinlan, Kristen Loyce	Veterinary Technician
VETT000778	Randolph, Chelsea Anne	Veterinary Technician
VETT000779	Sharpe, Lindsay Renee	Veterinary Technician
VETT000780	Smith, Kristi Dawn	Veterinary Technician
VETT000781	Sontag, Julie Ann	Veterinary Technician
VETT000782	Whitmire, Melissa Leanne	Veterinary Technician
VETT000783	Bowers, Melissa Ann	Veterinary Technician
VETT000784	Dickinson, Samantha L	Veterinary Technician
VETT000785	Eason, Mika Renee'	Veterinary Technician
VETT000786	Young, Jane Ash	Veterinary Technician
VETT000787	Dawson, Amanda Lanelle	Veterinary Technician
VETT000788	McBride, Bonnie L	Veterinary Technician

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VETT000789	McCoy, Hannah	Veterinary Technician
VETT000790	Rowe, Jessica Leigh	Veterinary Technician
VETT000791	Gillespie, Rose-Ann May	Veterinary Technician
VETT000792	Barrett, Elizabeth M	Veterinary Technician
VETT000793	Fujikawa, Joseph Dwayne	Veterinary Technician
VETT000794	Procassini, Amy Louise	Veterinary Technician
VET007543	Saunders, Arhonda C.	Veterinarian
VET007544	Huggins, Abigail Suzanne	Veterinarian
VET007545	Stoddard, Robyn Anne	Veterinarian
VET007546	Courville, Mendi D	Veterinarian
VET007547	MacDougall, Lori Denise	Veterinarian
VET007548	McComb, Timothy P	Veterinarian
VET007549	Gambles, LaTina Mary-Dorthea	Veterinarian
VET007550	Govett, Pamela Dorene	Veterinarian
VET007551	Hartsfield-Vinson, Stephanie Rene	Veterinarian
VET007552	Carter, Joyce	Veterinarian
VET007553	Gidlund, Clifford Jonas	Veterinarian
VET007554	Resnick, Melissa Penelope	Veterinarian
VET007555	Hartman, Bernadette Marie	Veterinarian
	REINSTATEMENTS	
VET005205	Grumbles, Janice Sue	Veterinarian
VET003957	Mughal, Muhammad Ghiasuddin	Veterinarian

2007 Meeting Schedule: Dr. Brett made a motion, Mr. Lance seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the 2007 meeting schedule.

Advice from Board Attorney on O.C.G.A. §43-50-30(b) regarding practice as an employee of a business: Viewed as informational

Variance/Waiver request from Vet Tech applicant JoAnna V. Robinson: Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to **deny** the request.

Miscellaneous:

- **Request from Emmett Blankenship, DVM:** The Board requested that a response be sent to Dr. Blankenship that the issues as stated in his e-mail of March 13, 2006 are not within the Board's jurisdiction since the practice is on a federal installation and is not within the State of Georgia.
- **Advice from Board Attorney regarding approval of continuing education programs for vet techs:** The current law governing veterinary technicians does not provide authority to review and approve continuing education programs.

Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A §43-1-19(h)(2) and §43-1-2(k) to deliberate on

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applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications, investigative reports, and the Assistant Attorney General's report. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Mr. Lance. The Board concluded **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

J.M.E. – Vet tech applicant – Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to **approve** to take the exam for a 5th and final attempt. If she is unsuccessful in this attempt, she will need to pursue licensure based on education rather than experience.

A.E., DVM – Vet applicant: Dr. Hill made a motion, Dr. Brett seconded and the Board voted to **approve** licensure.

M.J.D. – Vet tech reinstatement applicant: Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to **require examination** per policy.

REPORTS:

Anita O. Martin, Executive Director's Report:

- Discussed upcoming renewals
- M.V.K., DVM – Reinstatement applicant: Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to reinstate under a public consent order citing period of unlicensed practice. Order to be accepted and signed for by the Executive Director upon receipt. Issue a letter of concern to Dr. N. regarding aiding and abetting unlicensed practice.

Needham Bateman, Cognizant Report: Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the following recommendations regarding cases reported on by the Cognizant member.

Case #	Recommendation
VET060090	Close with letter of concern
VET060101	Close
VET070010	Close with mitigating circumstances letter
VET070011	Close with letter of concern & refer to Department of Agriculture
VET070012	Close with letter of concern & refer to Department of Agriculture
VET070013	Close with letter of concern & refer to Department of Agriculture

Hugh Hill, Cognizant Report: Dr. Brett made a motion, Mr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the following recommendations regarding cases reported on by the Cognizant member.

Case #	Recommendation
VET060028	Assign to Dr. Bateman & schedule for Investigative Interview

Amelia Baker, Board Attorney Report

- Provided update on 12 cases in her office
- D.K., DVM – Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to notify that Dr. K. must conform to providing an adequate aftercare contract, personal quarterly report and a quarterly report from his treatment team or the Board will file a Notice of Hearing for revocation.

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- R.D., DVM: Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted that Dr. D must sign the consent order and pay \$500 fine within 30 days or file a Notice of Hearing for revocation.
- Dr. Hill made a motion, Dr. Brett seconded and the Board voted to **accept** public consent orders on:
 - Ali Chouhan, DVM
 - Karen Oertley, DVM
 - Pamela Webb, DVM

Lynn Eason, Enforcement Report: Dr. Brett made a motion, Dr. Hill seconded and the Board voted to **approve** the following recommendations regarding cases reported on by the Enforcement section.

<u>Case #</u>	<u>Recommendation</u>
VET060072	Close with letter of concern

Jennifer Haskins, Legal Services Report: Dr. Hill made a motion, Dr. Brett seconded and the Board voted to **accept** a public consent order on David T. Wise, DVM for reinstatement of his license.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for December 6, 2006 at 9:30 A.M. at the Professional Licensing Boards in Macon, Georgia.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 P.M.

Minutes recorded by: Susan S. Hewett, Board Secretary

Minutes edited by: Anita O. Martin, Executive Director

***These minutes were approved at the December 6, 2006
Board meeting.***